

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

License for Diversion and Use of Water

LICENSE 1619

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PERMIT 809

APPLICATION_1543

This Is To Certify, That Southern California Edison Company, Ltd. (formerly Southern California Edison Company) ha made proof to the satisfaction of the Division of Los Angeles, California, of Water Resources of California of a right to the use of the waters of South Fork of San Jongsin River in Fresno County

San Joaquin River

for the purpose of generating power of the Division of Water Resources and that said right to the use of said waters has 809 under Permit been perfected in accordance with the laws of California, the rules and regulations of the Division of Water Resources and the terms of the said permit; that the priority of the right herein confirmed dates from July 3. 1919:

that the amount of water to which such right is antitled and hereby confirmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for said purposes and shall not exceed two hundred twenty-nine thousand (229,000) sare feet per annum to be diverted and used under the following limits tions and conditions to wit: (1) the rate of diversion, except to storage in Florence Lake Reservoir which is unlimited, shall not exceed a maximum daily average of 1990 cubic feet per second under this license and under Application 1344. License 1620; (2) diversion may be made either for immediate use at Power Houses 1, 2, 2A, 8 and 3, or for similar use after storage in reservoirs of maximum capacities of 64,574 acre feet at Florence Lake, 89,766 acre feet at Huntington Lake, and 135,375 acre feet at Shaver Lake, all as more particularly described hereinafter; and (3) the maximum rate of simultaneous was waden this linears and made and a linear and a linear lake. of simultaneous use under this license and under Application 1341, License 1617, Application 1342, License 1618, Application 1344, License 1620, Application 1345, License 1621, and Application 1346, License 1622, at Power Houses 1 and 24 shall not exceed 1286 cubic feet per second. The principals or in afraction in the land.

Diversion, Rediversion, Storage, and Use respectively, are made at the fellowing places as shown on map entitled "Exhibit C-10 DIVISION OF WATER RESCURGES - STATE OF CALIFORNIA Applications 1341 to 1346 - Permits 807 to 812", etc., filed with the Division of Water Resources June 3, 1935, amended and refiled Pebruary 24, 1936.

PLACES OF DIVERSION, REDIVERSION AND STORAGE
(a) Divert for immediate use and to storage in Florence Lake Recerveir and/er Huntington Lake Reservoir and/or Shaver Lake Reservoir from South Fork of San Johnnia River in the NWt of NR of Section 1, T 8 8, R 27 E, M.D.B.&M. at a point which bears S. 79° 34° 54° W. 2533.12 feet from the Morthwest corner of Section 6, T 8 S, R 28 E.
M.D.B.&M.; or as an alternative in the NW; of NR; of Section 1, T 8 S, R 27 E, M.D.B.&M.
at a point which bears S. 64° 39° 50° W. 2902.19 feet from the Morthwest corner of
Section 6, T 8 S, R 28 E, M.D.B.&M.; (b) Store in Huntington Lake Reserveir and/or redivert on Big Creek at Dam No. 1 in the NR; SN; Section 14, T 8 S, R 25 E, M.D.B.&M. at

a point which bears H. 320 361 01" E. 2577. 33 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 14; (c) Store in Shaver Lake Reservoir and/or redivert on Stevenson Creek in the NW SE Section 13, T 9 S, R 24 E, M.D.B.&M. at a point which bears H. 27 20' 18" E. 1591.2 feet from the South quarter corner of said Section 13; (d) Redivert on Big Creek at Dam No. 4 in the NW SE Section 28, T 8 S, R 25 E, M.D.B.&M. at a point which bears H. 31° 43° 38° W. 7948.23 feet from the South quarter corner of Section 34, T 8 8, R 25 E, M.D.B.&M.; (c) Redivert on Big Creek at Dam No. 5 in the SM; Sm; Section 26, T 8 S, R 24 E, M.D.B.&M. at a point which bears H. 0° 58° 31° W. 6276.23 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 36, T 8 S, R 24 E, M.D.B.&M.; (f) redivert on Snn Joaquin River at Dam No. 6 in the SM; NR; Section 27, T 8 S, R 24 E, M.D.B.&M. at a point which bears H. 8° 29° 55° W. 9231.86 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 34, T 8 S, R 24 E, M. D.B. &M.

PLACES OF USE

Power House No. 1 in NR SE Section 28, 78 S. R 25 R. M.D.B.&M.
Power House No. 2 in SR SR Section 25, 78 S. R 24 E. M.D.B.&M.
Power House No. 24 in SR SR Section 25, 78 S. R 24 E. M.D.B.&M.
Power House No. 8 in NR NR Section 27, 78 S. R 24 E. M.D.B.&M.
Power House No. 3 in SR NR Section 17 and SE NR Section 18, both in
T 9 S. R 24 R. M.D.B.&M.

The water is returned to San Josquin River in the SR; HE Section 18, 7 9 8, R 24 E. H. D.B. AM.

The right to the diversion and use of the water aforesaid hereby confirmed is restricted to the point of diversion berein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.

This license is granted and said appropriator takes all rights berein mentioned subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 586, Statutes 1913, which is as follows:

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Sec. 20. All permits and licenses for the appropriation of water shall be under the terms and conditions of this act, and shall be effective for each time as the water actually appropriated under such permits and licenses shall actually be used for the useful and beneficial purpose for which aid water was appropriated but no longer; and every such permit or license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein approach that it as any time after the expiration of twenty want in the in substance shall include all of the provisions of this section and likewise the statement that any appropriator of water, to whom said permit or licenses may be issued, shall take the same subject to such conditions therefore a such conditions are the statement that any appropriator of water, to whom said permit or licenses may be issued, shall take the same subject to such conditions as therefore the state of the state of the state state state of the state state of the state state

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES STATE ENGINEER

ORDER

APPLICATION 1343

PERMIT 809

LICENSE 1619

ORDER ALLOWING CHANGE IN PLACES OF USE

Licensee having established to the satisfaction of the State Engineer that the change in places of use under Application 1343, Permit 809, License 1619, for which petition was submitted on December 9, 1954, will not operate to the injury of any other legal user of water, the State Engineer so finds, and

IT IS ORDERED that permission be and the same is hereby granted to change the places of use under said Application 1343, Permit 809, License 1619, to places of use described as follows, to wit:

PORTAL POWER PLANT, WITHIN NEW OF SWA OF SECTION 5, T 8 S, R 26 E, MIBSEM POWER HOUSE NO. 1 WITHIN NEW OF SEA OF SECTION 28, T 8 S, R 25 E, MIBSEM POWER HOUSE NO. 2 WITHIN SWA OF SWA OF SECTION 25, T 8 S, R 24 E, MIBSEM POWER HOUSE NO.2A WITHIN SWA OF SWA OF SECTION 25, T 8 S, R 24 E, MIBSEM POWER HOUSE NO.8 WITHIN NEW OF NEW OF SECTION 27, T 8 S, R 24 E, MIBSEM POWER HOUSE NO. 3 WITHIN SWA OF NWA OF SECTION 17 AND SEA OF NEW OF SECTION 18, BOTH IN T 9 S, R 24 E, MIDSEM

THE WATER IS RETURNED TO SAN JOAQUIN RIVER WITHIN SEL OF NEL OF SECTION 18, T 9 S, R 24 E, MIB&M

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Department of Public Works of the

State of California this 25

day of April, 1955

A. D. EDMONSTON, STATE ENGINEER

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Harvey O. Banks

Assistant State Engineer

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

ORDER

APPLICATION______

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LICENSE 1619

ORDER ALLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS OF REDIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE

WHEREAS:

- 1. License 1619 was issued to Southern California Edison Company, Ltd. and was filed with the County Recorder of Fresno County on March 5, 1936.
- 2. An order allowing change in place of use was granted on April 25, 1955 and has been filed with the County Recorder of Fresno County on May 12, 1955.
- 3. A petition to add points of rediversion, and place of use has been filed with the State Water Resources Control Board and said Board has determined that good cause for such additions has been shown.
- 4. The Board has determined that the petitioned additions do not constitute the initiation of a new right nor operate to the injury of any other lawful user of water.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The points of diversion and rediversion under this license shall be as follows:

Point of Diversion:

South Fork San Joaquin River: South 79° 34' 54" West 2,533.12 feet from NW corner of Section 6, T8S, R28E, MDB&M, being within the NW4 of NE4 of Section 1, T8S, R27E, MDB&M.

Points of Rediversion:

- 1. Big Creek Dam No. 1: North 32° 36' 01" East 2,577.33 feet from SW corner of Section 14, T8S, R25E, MDB&M, being within the NE4 of SW4 of said Section 14.
- 2. Stevenson Creek: North 27° 20' 18" East 1,591.2 feet from South quarter corner of Section 13, T9S, R24E, MDB&M, being within NW4 of SE4 of said Section 13.
- 3. Big Creek Dam No. 4: North 31° 43' 38" West 7,948.23 feet from the South quarter corner of Section 34, T8S, R25E, MDB&M, being within NW4 of SE4 of Section 28, T8S, R25E, MDB&M.
- 4. Big Creek Dam No. 5: North 0° 58' 31" West 6,276.23 feet from the SW corner of Section 36, T8S, R24E, MDB&M, being within SE¹/₄ of SE¹/₄ Section 26, T8S, R24E, MDB&M.
- 5. San Joaquin River Dam No. 6: North 8° 29' 55" West 9,231.86 feet from the SE corner of Section 34, T8S, R24E, MDB&M, being within the SW4 of NE4 Section 27, T8S, R24E, MDB&M.
- 6. Balsam Meadow Dam: South 34° East 3,100 feet from NW corner of Section 9, T9S, R25E, MDB&M, being within the SE4 of NW4 of said Section 9.

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- 7. Portal Forebay Dam: North 61° East 1,900 feet from SW corner of Section 18, T7S, R27E, MDB&M, being within the SW4 of SW4 of said Section 18.
- 2. The place of use under this license shall be as follows:

Portal Power Plant, within NE¼ of SW¾ Section 5, T8S, R26E, MDB&M
Power House No. 1, within NE¾ of SE¾ Section 28, T8S, R25E, MDB&M
Power House No. 2, within SW¾ of SW¾ Section 25, T8S, R24E, MDB&M
Power House No. 2A, within SW¾ of SW¾ Section 25, T8S, R24E, MDB&M
Power House No. 8, within NE¾ of NE¾ Section 27, T8S, R24E, MDB&M
Power House No. 3, within SW¾ of NW¾ Section 17, and SE¾ of NE¾ Section 18,
both within T9S, R24E, MDB&M
Balsam Meadow Powerhouse within SW¾ of NW¾ Section 16, T9S, R25E, MDB&M

The water is returned to San Joaquin River in the SE4 of NE4 Section 18, T9S, R24E, MDB&M.

- 3. The following terms are added to the license:
 - Actual construction work on the Balsam Meadow Project shall begin on or before two years from date of change order and shall thereafter be prosecuted with reasonable diligence, and if not so commenced and prosecuted, this change order may be revoked.
 - 2. Construction work shall be completed by December 1, 1989.
 - 3. Complete application of the water to the authorized use shall be made by December 1, 1993.
 - 4. Licensee shall comply with the following provisions which are derived from the agreement between licensee and the California Department of Fish and Game executed on August 9, 1982 and filed with the State Water Resources Control Board:
 - (1) To establish and/or maintain instream beneficial uses affected by the project licensee shall maintain the following continuous minimum regulated flows in cubic feet per second, immediately downstream from the confluence of Tunnel No. 7 outlet and North Fork Stevenson Creek:

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The following definitions shall be used in determining water year conditions:

- (a) Normal Year: During the annual period from May 1 to April 30, whenever the April 1 forecast of the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the April through July natural runoff of the San Joaquin River at Friant Dam exceeds 900,000 acre-feet.
- (b) Dry Year: During the annual period from May 1 to April 30, whenever the April 1 forecast of the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the April through July natural runoff of the San Joaquin River at Friant Dam is equal to or less than 900,000 acre-feet.

If during a designated dry year, the February 1 or March 1 California Department of Water Resources forecast of unimpaired runoff for the San Joaquin River at Friant Dam indicates that dry year conditions no longer prevail, normal year flow releases shall resume within 7 days after notification by the Department of Fish and Game.

- (2) Licensee shall install and properly maintain a continuous flow recorder, satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board, which is capable of measuring flows near the intersection of North Fork Stevenson Creek and the Shaver Lake perimeter road. Measurement records shall be provided to the Department of Fish and Game and the State Water Resources Control Board upon request.
- (3) Licensee, after project completion, shall with California Department of Fish and Game approval introduce spawning gravels into the upper channel of the North Fork Stevenson Creek below the Tunnel No. 7 outlet. Should stream flushing occur as a direct result of powerhouse operation and fish and spawning gravels or vegetation are removed, Licensee shall with Department of Fish and Game approval, replace or restore essential spawning gravel, trout and riparian vegetation.
- (4) Licensee shall, prior to the alteration of Stevenson Meadow, remove the small population of resident rainbow trout and plant them in acceptable habitat in the North Fork Stevenson Creek.
- (5) To enhance the fishery production of Shaver Lake, licensee shall:
 - (a) develop fishery production terraces within Shaver Lake utilizing up to 15,000 cubic yards of coarse tunnel tailings. Upon these terraced areas licensee shall develop rock escape areas and vegetative plantings to improve fish species composition, provide food, and assist juvenile fish escapement.
 - (b) develop a combination of vegetative plantings and developed rock escapement areas specifically for the breeding and propagation of warm-water game fish at other accessible locations within the northeast sector (Sections 19, 20 & 29) of Shaver Lake. Rock materials utilized in construction of the fish escapement areas shall be 8 inches or larger in size. Licensee shall supply and plant willow plants, in the form of native willow starts utilized for reservoir improvement.
 - (c) prior to completion of tunnel tailrace construction, with Department of Fish and Game approval, develop implementation plans which include specific sites and techniques necessary to effect item (a) and (b) above.

- (6) To compensate for project-induced impacts to wildlife resources, licensee shall implement a Habitat Management Plan to preserve or increase the carrying capacities and diversity of wildlife habitats on lands in the vicinity of the project. The Habitat Management Plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval prior to implementation. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goal of preserving or increasing the capacity and diversity of wildlife habitat in the project vicinity.
- (7) Licensee shall develop and implement a Road Plan which will be designed to mitigate/compensate significant long and short-term impacts to wildlife and their habitat due to project construction activities. Prior to diversion and use of water, the Road Plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goal of mitigation/ compensation for construction impacts.
- (8) If licensee determines that a construction camp is necessary, licensee shall:
 - (a) develop a recreational plan acceptable to the Department of Fish and Game for construction camp personnel, and
 - (b) 12 months after the project becomes operational, licensee shall restore the construction camp area to its natural condition. This shall be accomplished by the removal of all support facilities, replanting trees where necessary, reestablishing herbaceous and browse forage, and establishment of roadside screening.
- (9) To mitigate impacts to disturbed site, licensee shall develop and implement rehabilitation plans for laydown and construction areas and the Balsam Meadow spillway. Such plans shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval prior to construction. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goals of the plans.
- (10) To mitigate/compensate for effects on wildlife in the transmission line right-of-way, licensee shall develop and implement a vegetative clearing and maintenance plan which is satisfactory to the Department of Fish and Game and the United States Forest Service. Such plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval prior to implementation. The Board should maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goals of the plan.
- (11) Licensee shall, beginning with the acceptance of the amendment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license, conduct annual nesting raptor surveys at all project construction sites and identify the specific raptors. If active raptor nests are discovered within ¼ mile of any construction site, licensee shall inform the United States Forest Service who shall recommend appropriate measures to be implemented.

5. Licensee shall, prior to construction of the Balsam Meadow project, file a report of Waste Discharge pursuant to Water Code Section 13260 with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Regional Board) and shall comply with all Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Board. If the Regional Board waives issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements, the licensee shall comply with Parts I and II of the "Guidelines for Protection of Water Quality During Construction and Operation of Small Hydro Projects" (Guidelines) as contained in the Water Quality Control Plans of the Central Valley Basin.

Specific requirements set forth in the change order shall prevail over any specific or general requirements in the referenced Guidelines in the event of conflict.

When complying with the Guidelines pursuant to this condition, the licensee shall not commence construction until the Erosion Control Plan and any baseline data required by the Guidelines have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Regional Board; and before commencing sluicing operation, the licensee shall submit and receive written approval from the Regional Board of the Sluicing Operation Plan.

- 6. Prior to diversion and use of water, licensee shall consult with the California Department of Fish and Game and develop an Alternative Meadow Compensation Plan. Said plan shall be reviewed and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- 7. Licensee shall undertake a monitoring program to evaluate the effectiveness of that portion of the Habitat Management Plan (see other terms herein) which deals with meadow rehabilitation. Said monitoring program shall include, at a minimum, the following two-phase approach:
 - Phase I: Before initial habitat work commences on the meadows, licensee in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, shall monitor deer usage and determine achievable objectives for increasing deer usage in those areas. These objectives shall be compatible with other goals of the management plan.

Phase II: Following completion of the initial meadow habitat enhancement work, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, licensee shall periodically monitor deer usage of these meadows and evaluate the trend in actual usage against objectives established during Phase I.

If the Phase II monitoring shows that deer usage is below the objective and the habitat manipulation objective has not been met, licensee shall undertake a study to determine whether lower than expected deer usage is attributable to external factors or to deficiencies in the habitat management plan. If the latter is found to be the case, licensee, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, shall further modify the wildlife habitat management plan to achieve the desired objectives for deer usage. If desired objectives for deer usage cannot be obtained, licensee, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Game, shall institute the alternative meadow compensation plan (Condition 6).

- 8. Licensee shall provide the following recreational facilities:
 - a. A snow play area located just off State Highway Route 168 at the entrance road to the Balsam Meadow Forebay site, with a 20- to 30-car paved parking lot and vault toilets.
 - b. A walk-in day use area with 5 picnic sites and vault toilets at the reservoir site.

- c. A snow play area, to be located at the existing turn-out/parking area on State Highway Route 168 near Pinchot Knob; portable toilets shall be provided in the winter.
- d. Cross-country ski trails, consisting of 8-10 miles of loop trails.
- e. Licensee shall be responsible for maintaining the above recreational facilities in a usable fashion.
- 9. The licensee shall complete all of the mitigation measures proposed in the Balsam Meadow Cultural Resources Management Plan and the Final EIR. Licensee shall fund all of the cultural resource studies outlined in these mitigation measures. Such studies shall be conducted by professional archeologists, historians, and anthropologists, familiar with the Balsam Meadow cultural resource setting, under contract to licensee. The licensee shall complete all of the data recovery (archeological) mitigation prior to commencing any project construction or land disturbance. The licensee shall additionally fund any cultural resource studies deemed necessary, by the United States Forest Service and the State Historic Preservation Office, to identify, evaluate, and mitigate and/or protect any previously unrecorded cultural resources that are discovered during the design and construction phases of the Balsam Meadow Project.
- 10. Licensee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.
- 11. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this license including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses, prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with a view to minimizing waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensee without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee may be required to implement such programs as (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) to installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this license and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the licensee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action takes into account the public interest and is necessary to protect public trust uses. All such actions shall conform to the standard of reasonableness contained in Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution.

12. The quantity of water diverted under this license is subject to modification by the State Water Resources Control Board if, after notice to the permittee and an opportunity for hearing, the Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

JUNE 1 1 1984

Dated:

Raymond Walsh, Chief Division of Water Rights License # 1619 Appl.#1343

SEE ORDER WR84-11

OREDER AMENDING AND AFFIRMING PERMIT AND ORDERS GRANTING PETITIONS FOR CHANGE, AND DENYING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

DATED SEPTEMBER 6,1984

STATE OF CALIFORNIA THE RESOURCES AGENCY STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

ORDER

APPLICATION_____

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LICENSE 1619

ORDER AMENDING AND REPLACING ORDER DATED JUNE 11, 1984

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WHEREAS:

- 1. License 1619 was issued to Southern California Edison Company, Ltd and was filed with the County Recorder of Fresno County on March 5, 1936.
- 2. An order allowing additional points of rediversion and place of use was granted on June 11, 1984 and has been recorded with the County Recorder of Fresno County on June 25, 1984.
- 3. A petition for reconsideration was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board resulting in a letter from Chief of the Division of Water Rights setting forth some changes and Board Order WR 84-11 also authorizing changes. The Board has determined that good cause for such change has been shown. This order will replace the order dated June 11, 1984.
- 4. The Board has determined that the changes do not constitute the initiation of a new right nor operate to the injury of any other lawful user of water.

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Normal:	4	4	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	5	5	5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Dry:	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	3.5	3.5	3.5

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If during a designated dry year, the February 1 or March 1 California Department of Water Resources forecast of unimpaired runoff for the San Joaquin River at Friant Dam indicates that dry year conditions no longer prevail, normal year flow releases shall resume within 7 days after notification by the Department of Fish and Game.

- (2) Licensee shall install and properly maintain a continuous flow recorder, satisfactory to the State Water Resources Control Board which is capable of measuring flows near the intersection of North Fork Stevenson Creek and the Shaver Lake perimeter road. Measurement records shall be provided to the Department of Fish and Game and the State Water Resources Control Board upon request.
- (3) Licensee, after project completion, shall with California Department of Fish and Game approval introduce spawning gravels into the upper channel of the North Fork Stevenson Creek below the Tunnel No. 7 outlet. Should stream flushing occur as a direct result of powerhouse operation and fish and spawning gravels or vegetation are removed, Licensee shall with Department of Fish and Game approval, replace or restore essential spawning gravel, trout and riparian vegetation.
- (4) Licensee shall, prior to the alteration of Stevenson Meadow, remove the small population of resident rainbow trout and plant them in acceptable habitat in the North Fork Stevenson Creek.
- (5) To enhance the fishery production of Shaver Lake, licensee shall:
 - (a) develop fishery production terraces within Shaver Lake utilizing up to 15,000 cubic yards of coarse tunnel tailings. Upon these terraced areas licensee shall develop rock escape areas and vegetative plantings to improve fish species composition, provide food, and assist juvenile fish escapement.
 - (b) develop a combination of vegetative plantings and developed rock escapement areas specifically for the breeding and propagation of warm-water game fish at other accessible locations within the northeast sector (Sections 19, 20 & 29) of Shaver Lake. Rock materials utilized in construction of the fish escapement areas shall be 8 inches or larger in size. Licensee shall supply and plant willow plants, in the form of native willow starts utilized for reservoir improvement.
 - (c) prior to completion of tunnel tailrace construction, with Department of Fish and Game approval, develop implementation plans which include specific sites and techniques necessary to effect item (a) and (b) above.
- (6) To compensate for project-induced impacts to wildlife resources, licensee shall implement a Habitat Management Plan to preserve or increase the carrying capacities and diversity of wildlife habitats on lands in the vicinity of the project. The Habitat Management Plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval prior to implementation. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goal of preserving or increasing the capacity and diversity of wildlife habitat in the project vicinity.

- (7) Licensee shall develop and implement a Road Plan which will be designed to mitigate/compensate significant long and short-term impacts to wildlife and their habitat due to project construction activities. Prior to diversion and use of water, the Road Plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goal of mitigation/-compensation for construction impacts.
- (8) If licensee determines that a construction camp is necessary, licensee shall:
 - (a) develop a recreational plan acceptable to the Department of Fish and Game for construction camp personnel, and
 - (b) 12 months after the project becomes operational, licensee shall restore the construction camp area to its natural condition. This shall be accomplished by the removal of all support facilities, replanting trees where necessary, reestablishing herbaceous and browse forage, and establishment of roadside screening.
- (9) To mitigate impacts to disturbed site, Licensee shall develop and implement rehabilitation plans for laydown and construction areas and the Balsam Meadow spillway. Such plans shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval six months prior to project operation. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goals of the plans.
- (10) To mitigate/compensate for effects on wildlife in the transmission line right-of-way, Licensee shall develop and implement a vegetative clearing and maintenance plan which is satisfactory to the Department of Fish and Game and the United States Forest Service. Such plan shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval prior to implementation. The Board shall maintain continuing authority to change or add terms in the public interest to resolve issues arising from any impasse among the parties encountered in achieving the goals of the plan.
- (11) Licensee shall, beginning with the acceptance of the amendment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license, conduct annual nesting raptor surveys at all project construction sites and identify the specific raptors. If active raptor nests are discovered within ½ mile of any construction site, licensee shall inform the United States Forest Service who shall recommend appropriate measures to be implemented.
- 5. Licensee shall, prior to construction of the Balsam Meadow project, file a report of Waste Discharge pursuant to Water Code Section 13260 with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (Regional Board) and shall comply with all Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Board. If the Regional Board waives issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements, the licensee shall comply with Parts I and II of the "Guidelines for Protection of Water Quality During Construction and Operation of Small Hydro Projects" (Guidelines) as contained in the Water Quality Control Plans of the Central Valley Basin.

Specific requirements set forth in the change order shall prevail over any specific or general requirements in the referenced Guidelines in the event of conflict.

When complying with the Guidelines pursuant to this condition, the licensee shall not commence construction until the Erosion Control Plan and any baseline data required by the Guidelines have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Regional Board; and before commencing sluicing operation, the licensee shall submit and receive written approval from the Regional Board of the Sluicing Operation Plan.

- 6. Within 180 days the Licensee shall, in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game, prepare a report (1) specifying meadow habitat mitigation objectives, (2) providing a monitoring program for measuring compliance with the objectives and submit the report to the State Water Resources Control Board for approval.
 - o Mitigation objectives shall be stated as general terms and terms capable of measurement.
 - o Monitoring shall result in data permitting comparison of mitigation objectives with mitigation accomplishments.

Commencing January 1, 1989 and continuing through January 1, 1993, the Licensee shall submit annual reports to the Board summarizing mitigation work completed, work in progress or to be initiated and mitigation measures accomplished. If mitigation objectives are not accomplished by December 1, 1993, the Licensee shall, within 6 months and in consultation with the Department, prepare a report which either recommends additional actions to ensure successful meadow rehabilitation or alternative mitigation measures and submit the report to the Board for approval. The Board retains jurisdiction to require the Company to implement additional actions to ensure successful meadow rehabilitation or alternative mitigation measures.

- 7. The following recreational facilities shall be provided by the Licensee unless substitute mitigation measures are agreed to by the Company and the United States Forest Service. The substitute measures shall be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board for review and approval:
 - a. A snow play area located just off State Highway Route 168 at the entrance road to the Balsam Meadow Forebay site, with a 20- to 30-car paved parking lot and vault toilets.
 - b. A walk-in day use area with 5 picnic sites and vault toilets at the reservoir site.
 - c. A snow play area, to be located at the existing turn-out/parking area on State Highway Route 168 near Pinchot Knob; portable toilets shall be provided in the winter.
 - d. Cross-country ski trails, consisting of 8-10 miles of loop trails.
 - e. Licensee shall be responsible for maintaining the above recreational facilities in a usable fashion.
- 8. The licensee shall complete all of the mitigation measures proposed in the Balsam Meadow Cultural Resources Management Plan and the Final EIR. Licensee shall fund all of the cultural resource studies outlined in these mitigation measures. Such studies shall be conducted by professional archeologists, historians, and anthropologists, familiar with the Balsam Meadow cultural resource setting, under contract to licensee. The licensee shall complete all of the data recovery (archeological) mitigation prior to commencing any project construction or land disturbance. The licensee shall additionally fund any cultural resource studies deemed necessary, by the United States Forest Service and the State Historic Preservation Office, to identify, evaluate, and mitigate and/or protect and previously unrecorded cultural resources that are discovered during the design and construction phases of the Balsam Meadow Project.

- 9. Licensee shall allow representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board and other parties as may be authorized from time to time by said Board, reasonable access to project works to determine compliance with the terms of this license.
- 10. Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this license including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensee without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to: (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) to installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this license and to determine accurately water use as against unreasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation. The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the licensee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

11. The quantity of water diverted under this license is subject to modification by the State Water Resources Control Board if, after notice to the licensee and an opportunity for hearing, the Board finds that such modification is necessary to meet water quality objectives in water quality control plans which have been or hereafter may be established or modified pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board finds that (1) adequate waste discharge requirements have been prescribed and are in effect with respect to all waste discharges which have any substantial effect upon water quality in the area involved, and (2) the water quality objectives cannot be achieved solely through the control of waste discharges.

Dated: FEBRUARY 11 1985

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